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1. Dismantling of Buna production facilities at Schkopau is now under way. When it is completed, the plant will retain approximately 45% of its pre-dismantling capacity of 50,000 tons of Buna annually.
2. Members of the German management of this SAG, who are said to be running the plant with little Russian interference, have given several reasons why the dismantling may not affect the plant too severely:
 - a. Carbide production, which is the basis for all of the plant's end products (Buna, Igell, solvents, etc), has lagged considerably behind the total capacity for the production of these end products.
 - b. With Buna production cut in half, carbide capacity may suffice to supply the remainder of the plant. (However, during the past three years, with the emphasis on Buna production, plant facilities for other products were neglected and even cannibalized to keep Buna production going. Therefore, until the necessary spare parts are procured and repairs made, quantities of carbide have become temporarily available for supply to western Germany.)
 - c. Future export opportunities are believed to be slim. Severe competition is expected from the United States in western European and Scandinavian markets, while the Soviet Union is believed to be increasing her production facilities to the extent of being able to supply southeastern European markets.

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